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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 13 January 1959

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell
Col. Burke

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Col. Geary

Mr. Reber
Mr. Cunningham

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that it should be John Parangosky and/or Col. Beerli rather than

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A message will be sent to Det B with this suggestion and also suggesting that Col. Beerli, or a designated Ops Officer, go

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look over the real estate there. While Ops was doing that, Parangosky should check out clearance procedures (for flights in and out), customs, and immigration as well as the important question as to what authorities This is necessary in order to have the flights handled in as routine a manner as possible so that the whole thing looks like just another Air Force junket.

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Emphasis was placed on the fact that any messages from UBAF to the Air Attache must go encrypted. Mr. Bissell further stated that if it was deemed necessary that the staging be played down so that he not look upon it as something to be watched closely.

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It was further agreed that a message be sent to the 25X1C advising him that Parangosky and Beerli would be coming to see him and that when they arrived all three should go to see the Ambassador.

It appeared that Beerli and Parangosky would be delayed in getting to If this procedure is followed, messages should be sent to Adana advising them of the plan. Regardless of who gets to see approach must be to present it as merely routine and does not involve High policy.

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The operational date of the staging has been set for on or after 7 February.

In answer to a query by Col. Geary it was stated that two C-124's (or a C-130, and a C-124) would be needed and that the C-124 must be on Standby basis and remain under operational control of Beerli until staging completed.

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Mr. Bissell recommended that be given the RTA briefing, in addition to Mr. Merchant.

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3. TEST STATUS BOARD - reported that advances are being made in the improvement of the U-2 defroster.

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4. ALTITUDE PROFILE OF U-2 - Mr. Bissell stated that he wanted a message to go out to the two detachment commanders that they must request Hqs permission to fly operational missions with slipper tanks and that tanks should be used only when impossible reach target without them.

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5. STATUS OF MERGER - Col. Burke reported that [] reply was back--favorable--and that while Air Division had not formally replied, he had conferences with Col. Webb who was in accord with merger plan. Col. Webb requested that a letter go from the DCI to [] overseas advising them that he was to conduct a survey of air operations. Mr. Bissell agreed that this should be done. It was agreed that the merger be discussed further with [] in order firm up agreement as to who was to be retained and who was to be declared surplus, and that prior to reviewing the selections and plans with Col. White that Mr. Cunningham and [] get together. Emphasis was placed on the desirability of retaining those civilian types who are readily convertible to military types at short notice and who enjoy a documented record of military activity.

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6. STATUS OF GUSTO - A discussion was held as to what officers on Air Staff should know status of Gusto. It was decided that [] should see Gen. White on this and sound him out on what officers need know. It was agreed that Gen. Walsh should be out in at a somewhat early date and that at a later date DCS/DEV, DCS/O [] DCS/M and Chief of ARDC be briefed but not for another three to six months or at such time as contemplated changes in personnel have been made.

7. OTHER ITEMS - Contract Approval Procedures. Mr. Bissell stated that effective immediately contract officers will now be authorized to sign contracts for continuing services and/or equipment without previous reference to him in those cases where he has already approved the program in the first instance. He advised that such documents should be reviewed by Admin, Finance, Materiel and D & P.

It was also agreed that a review would be made by DM of procedures for Reports of Survey, particularly in connection with surveying lost U-2's.

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Colonel USAF
Deputy Director, DPD-DD/P

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